

Application No.: 10/532786

Case No.: 57832US005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at p. 7, line 29 with the following replacement paragraph:

--The size of the ridge-like projection 12 which defines the ink discharging groove 13 may also be varied arbitrarily in accordance with the size of the ink discharging groove 13. The size of the ridge-like projection 12 is typically 20 % or less of the width of the ink discharging groove 13 in width and 0.5 to 80 % of the height of the ink discharging groove 13 in height, preferably 10 % or less of the width of the ink discharging groove 13 in width and 5 to 50 % of the height of the ink discharging groove 13 in height.--

Please replace the paragraph at p. 11, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph:

--Then, as shown in Fig. 7A 7(C), the movable plate 1 holding the head cleaning member 10 is moved to right until the ink ejection surface 21a of the head 21 is completely sealed by the side wall member 14 of the head cleaning member 10 so as to form a closed space 19. In this state, empty ejection of an ink droplet 26 for refreshment is performed to wash the interior of the nozzle 21 and the ink ejection surface 21a. Waste ink thus generated containing ink residue and fine dust is pressure-fed to the waste ink tank by application of vacuum to the space 19 using, for example, a suction pump, and is recovered there.--

Please replace the paragraph at p. 11, line 17 with the following replacement paragraph:

--After completion of the refresh operation, as shown in Fig. 7B 7(D), the used head cleaning member 10 (movable plate 1) is moved to left and returned to the original stand-by position. In so doing, ink residue or the like 26 27 adhering to the ink ejection surface 21a of the head 21, if any, is scraped off by the tip of the side wall member 14 pressed tightly against the ink ejection surface 21a, and collected into the space 19. The collected ink residue or the like 26 27 is washed at the time of next refresh operation and recovered by the waste ink tank.--